



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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By Electronic Mail

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Re: Diamond Alkali, Lower Passaic River Study Area – River Mile 10.9
Unilateral Administrative Order for Removal Response Activities
USEPA Region 2 CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2020

Dear Ms. Dinkins:

This will respond to your request on behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation ("Occidental"), that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") extend the date by which Occidental is required to submit financial assurance under Paragraph 56 of Unilateral Administrative Order ("UAO") CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2020.

EPA is anticipating that we will be able to meet with Occidental shortly to determine how Occidental will participate and cooperate in the removal action at River Mile 10.9. In the interim, EPA agrees to extend the date of submission of financial assurance to December 15, 2012. EPA previously extended the date from September 14, 2012 to November 15, 2012.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah P. Flanagan", is written below the "Sincerely yours," text.

Sarah P. Flanagan
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